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GENERAL

As a separate company of the 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate), Company D, 16th Armor during the year 1967 both in training and on combat operational missions has provided the Brigade with such support as day and night convoy security and escort, blocking force, road clearing, route reconnaissance, armored-infantry and search and destroy missions and have on occasion dismounted as infantry for night ambushes and recon patrols.

MISSION

The mission of D/16th Armor is to close with and destroy enemy forces using fire, maneuver, and shock action in coordination with other arms.

COMMANDING OFFICER BIOGRAPHY

Captain Robert F. Helmick was born on 17 July 1942 in Denver Colorado. In 1949 he moved to Canon City Colorado with his parents, where he was graduated from Canon City High School in May of 1960 and entered Colorado State University in September of that year. On 2 February 1963 he married Cynthia Joyce Faull and continued to work toward his degree and commission. On 15 December 1964 he received his Bachelors degree in Business Administration and was Commissioned a 2Lt USAR, Armor. Entering active duty on 27 February 1965 he attended the Armor Officers Basic Course at Fort Knox Kentucky, during which he received his Regular Army Commission. Upon completing AOB he went to Fort Benning, Georgia for Airborne training and then returned to Fort Knox when he was assigned as Executive Officer of C, Company, 13th Battalion, 4th Training Brigade USATC Armor. In March 1966 he was reassigned to the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany. He was Platoon Leader, Recon Platoon, HHC and Platoon Leader, 1st Platoon, A Company; Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of HHC, all within the 1st Battalion, 64th Armor. On 1 July he was promoted to 1Lt and in August 1966 he was reassigned to HQ, 3rd Infantry Division as the Deputy G-2. He was promoted to Captain on 1 August 1967 and left Germany in September for the 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate). He left his wife, daughter, Andrea, and son, Dennis, in Denver. Captain Helmick arrived in-country on 17 November 1967 and assumed command of Company D, 16th Armor.

LINEAGE AND HONORS

Constituted 1 July 1916 as Troop D, 16th Cavalry

Organized 14 July 1916 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Inactivated 12 November 1921 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas

Activated 15 June 1942 at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, as Troop D, 16th Cavalry, Mechanized.

Reorganized and redesignated 22 December 1943 as Troop D, 19th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized

Inactivated 10 November 1945 at Camp Campbell, Kentucky

Redesignated 26 March 1963 as Company D, 16th Armor, and assigned to the 173d Airborne Brigade

Activated 25 June 1963 at Okinawa.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War II

EAME

Rhineland

Central Europe

HISTORY

Appendix 1 to Annex B OPERATION CANARY/DUCK

The start of the New Year found Company D/16th Armor just finishing operation CANARY/DUCK. The company had no contact or unusual sightings during the operation. The operation was terminated on 6 January 1967, and the company departed the CANARY/DUCK area of operation enroute to Beinh Hoa and closed at 1130 hours.

Appendix 2 to Annex P (cont'd)

the company attacked from the vic XT733318 south into the Iron Triangle to sieze Objective 5 vic XT733330 and hold it for subsequent S & D operations. Due to numerous tank traps and thick vegetation on the road the company turned southwest on a small trail vic XT727297. At XT7132289, C/16 turned SE on another trail which provided access across the soft ground to the road. The company continued south on the road to XT733279, and held at 1305 hours for an airstrike on Objective 5. After the airstrike the company continued South to vic XT733277 where an APC slid into a tank trap. The track was recovered. At 1340 hours D-14 hit a mine which destroyed it. PFC Albert L. Ordenaker and SP4 Wilson T. Gerald, received minor injuries and were evacuated. A demolition team found that the entire area was mined and booby-trapped. The company with the damaged track in tow moved north to a base camp, vic XT713289 closing at 1710 hours.

At 0900 hours, 12 January 1967, D/16 with C/1/503d and two tanks from the 11th ABCT departed base camp moving south to Objective 5. Objective 5 was secured without opposition and at 1030 hours the Infantry was dismounted and sent on recon patrols. By 1245 hours the patrols had found 2 tons of salt, 742 one hundred (100) pound bags of rice, 2 pistols with 150 rounds SA ammo. Four VC were sighted vic XT729266 and taken under fire with negative results. At 1425 hours the Infantry requested an EOD team at XT734266 because the area was heavily booby-trapped. The rest of the afternoon was spent destroying various booby-traps in the area. At 1730 hours, a perimeter was set up and secured for the night. At 2020 hours, several explosions occurred along the perimeter and about 30 incoming SA rounds hit inside the perimeter. Fire was returned and at 2100 hours all incoming fire had been stopped.

Appendix 2 to Annex B (Cont'd)

On 13 January 1967, the Mortar Platoon went on a number of short dismounted recon patrols to the north and east of the base camp. They found small amounts of rice and 10 rounds SA ammo at 1100 hours via XT743274. The second platoon left on patrol and during the day an additional 50 pounds of salt, 1 loaded rifle, 1 grenade, NVA money, 188 bags of rice and a bayonet were found by the two platoons. At 0900 hours, 14 January, the 1st platoon departed with the C/4/503d on S&D mission to the east and south of Objective 5. The 3rd platoon with B/4/503d departed on a mission of S&D to the west of Objective 5. By 1000 hours a number of rice caches had been found by both patrols and the APC platoons began loading and extracting the rice.

At 1400 hours, 2/C/4/503d was hit by a claymore and took one serious casualty and several slight injuries. The 1st platoon went to assist the Infantry and upon entering the area of contact, received SA rounds and ran into numerous booby-traps. At first no one from the 1st platoon was injured but in attempting to secure an LZ for the wounded, D-12 was hit by a command detonated mortar round. All but one man was hit and the driver, SP4 McPhee was in critical condition. SSG Wicks, SP4 Herrera and SP4 Woodard received minor injuries. With continued incoming rounds and explosions from booby-traps, the LZ could not be secured. The Infantry platoon was mounted and the 1st Platoon departed the area to a clearing south of Objective 5 and waited for the dustoff. After the wounded had been evacuated the 1st platoon moved back into the perimeter.

On 15 January, two platoons were employed to transport rice from Objective 5 to via XT720285 where trucks took the rice for further extraction out of the area. Starting at 0830 and completing the mission at 1120, the two platoons transported 1000 one hundred pound bags of rice.

Appendix 2 to Annex B (Cont'd)

On 16 January the Mortar Platoon was assigned to secure Objective 5 while the remainder of the company with two tanks of the 11th APC and elements of C/4/503d proceeded south in 4 groups on a S&D mission to Objective 6. On arrival at Objective 6, the Task Force deployed and the Infantry dismounted to search the area. At 1100 hours one man was slightly injured from a booby-trap. At 1230 hours, a 105 mm shell rigged for command detonation was found and destroyed. At 1320 hours the company returned to base and at 1435 hours started transporting elements of C/4/503d to a new position. At 1438 hours vic XT723265, D-46 hit a large mine and most of the personnel aboard were injured. Three from C/4/503d were seriously injured. Two individuals from D/16, SFC Bernhart and WFC Drysdale, were slightly injured. At 1545 hours D/16 again proceeded NW to the new position. At 1843 the company had closed back to base camp at Objective 5.

On 17 and 18 January the company conducted maintenance of the vehicles. On the 18th at 2300 hours the 2nd platoon saw one VC when he tripped a flare. He was fired on and hit with an M-79 round. Two more VC attempted to drag him away but they were also hit with M-79 rounds. No further contact was made during the night, however, by the morning the bodies had been carried away.

On 19 January D/16 moved north to vic XT697308 and transported elements of 2/503d Infantry south to vic XT7225. The mission was completed at 1220 hours and the company returned to Objective 5 for the remainder of the day.

On 20 January 1967, D/16 participated in a multi-Battalion mission to seize an intelligence target. No contact was made during the mission and the company returned to base at 1430 hours. At 1600 hours a sump fire explosion injured Lt Wells and he had to be evacuated.

Annex 2 (Cont'd)

On 21 January, the Mortar Battalion was sent on a dismounted patrol to the NE. At 1005 hours via XT715288 bunkers reinforced with steel rails were located, along with a 60 mm mortar round and a radio transmitter. The bunkers and mortar round were destroyed and the transmitter returned.

On 23 January D/16 began to move back to Ben Cat. At 1410 hours the 4/503d Battalion Headquarters was transported to a harbor area via XT715288. At 1500 hours the company escorted trucks to the main road and returned to the harbor area for the night.

On 24 January, D/16 transported other elements of the Brigade to the main road and secured harbor area that night. On January 25 the company departed Ben Cat at 0830 hours and moved to Bein Hoa closing at 1215 without incident.

Annex B Appendix 3 OPERATION BIG SPRINGS

After nearly a week of construction maintenance the company was ready to participate in Operation Big Springs. On 31 January 1967, the 3d Platoon and Mortar Platoon departed Beir Hoa with the command group and elements of the 3/319th Artillery enroute to Fsn Chevy. Arriving at 1140 hours the CP was set up at YP000223. Meanwhile, the 1st and 2nd Platoons, under OPCON of the 319th Artillery left Beir Hoa escorting B&C batteries of the 319th.

On 1 February the company was assigned the additional duty of providing security for the water point at XT987204. On 2 February the company was given control of the perimeter defence and of the E/17th Cav, ME, and other security elements.

Several ambush patrols were sent out netting 1 VC on 5 February. One ambush patrol suffered 2 WIA's on 13 February. The company remained in the fire base until 16 February. At 0200 on the 16th of February the operation was terminated and the company returned to Beir Hoa. The 1st and 2nd Platoons also returned to Beir Hoa and to D/16 control.

Annex B Appendix 4

OPERATION JUNCTION CITY

At 0100 hours, 20 February 1967, D/16 departed Boi Nua in three march units, escorting the 1/30 Engineers and P400 element. The march units moved south to Saigon. Due to congested streets the convoys did not clear Saigon until 0715 hours. From Saigon the convoy moved NW on Highway 13 closing on the Phu Dhuong Airfield at 1615 hours.

At 0700 hours 21 February, the company, attached to the 1st of the 4th Cavalry, departed the airfield on a mission of security for mine clearing of Route 243 up to route 4 and then North on route 4 to vic XT2868. The road clearing was accomplished without incident and at 1230 hours the company arrived at a large open field vic XT2868. The company employed to provide security for the mine detector team sweeping the open field for booby-traps. The field was to be used for a Fire Support Base. The sweep was completed at 1345 hours and the company regrouped and took up security positions on the perimeter.

At 0700 hours 22 February, the company and 1st of the 4th Cavalry departed PSB 13 North on Highway 4 to link up with the 1/503d Infantry in the vic XT324886. Primary mission of the task force was to open the Highway and to provide initial security for additional fire support bases. In the process of the move 10 tanks belonging to the 1/4th Cav were damaged by mines. At 1510 hours D/16 linked up with C/1/503d Infantry and proceeded to vic XT334906. At 1800 hours the company moved to a Fire Support Base vic XT336914, and deployed to provide perimeter security for the 1/6th Artillery.

At 0730 the next day the 3d Platoon was sent to Psn Lds to aid in clearing the Drop Zone of heavy drop material. At 1100 hours the remainder of the company departed the Fire Support Base and joined the 3d Platoon at Psn Lds. The company was returned to Brigade Headquarters for operational control and moved to an inner perimeter at the DZ for the night.

ANNEX F Appendix 4

On the 24th and 25th of February, the company assisted Brigade Supply Officer in clearing the first wave of equipment. The mess and maintenance sections joined the company at 1130 hours on the 25th.

At 0830 hours, 26 February, D/16 and D/4/503d attacked north from San Lls to within 50 meters of the Cambodian border. D/16 broke a trail through the light vegetation reconning ahead with the 50 caliber machine gun. At 1115 hours, upon reaching the border, at the XT35 North to South Grid Line the company turned South and again reconned by fire to the East. At XT345695 the company held when D/4/503d had a claymore detonated against them. Negative casualties were sustained. Artillery was called in and 2nd Platoon moved to vic XT333957 and spotted 4 VC moving SE, but they disappeared before fire could be brought against them. The area was searched but no further sightings or contact was made.

During the period 27 February to 4 March the company transported rice found in food caches during the operation. Infantry companies were also transported to various sites within the AO and considerable maintenance was pulled.

At 1315 hours, 5 March, the 3d Platoon departed on an escort mission to Artillery Base 3. At XT281801 the 3d Platoon came upon a single APC on the road that was under heavy fire by an undetermined number of VC armed with a recoilless rifle, machine guns, and automatic weapons. The ambushed APC belonged to the 1/2d Infantry. The Track Commander and loader had been seriously wounded and the crew pinned down in a ditch. The 3d Platoon instantly attacked and killed 7 VC with the 50 Cal. machine gun fire and beat off the remainder of the enemy. The wounded were evacuated and the platoon proceeded on its previous mission returning to San Lls at 1900 hours.

Annex B Appendix 4 (Cont'd)

On 6 March, the company, as part of Task Force Tanker, attacked South clearing Route 246 from Hatan to Bo Tuc then south to Objective Ren. During the move 5 mines were found, 2 tanks damaged, and a large claymore mine was discovered and destroyed. At 1600 hours the task force moved into a loger position at XT373857.

At 0840 hours, 7 March, TF Tanker moved to XT388825 where the force moved on line and began to sweep south towards Fsn Ren. At vic XT380856 the force moved NW and at 1305 contact with a platoon of VC was made. During the fight that followed, 6 VC were killed by tank canister rounds and small arms fire from D/4/503. D/16 killed one sniper with 50 cal. fire. SP4 Bowen from D/16 was wounded in the leg. Contact was broken at 1530 hours and the TF continued west.

On the 8th and 9th of March the company continued operations in the same general area without any contact.

On 10 March, at 0740 hours, D/16 minus 2nd Platoon searched for a river crossing and the company returned to the perimeter. At 1945 the perimeter came under heavy fire from the North. A furious fire fight resulted with the TF taking 4 casualties. SP5 Roger D. Williams and SP4 Ronald G. Cock received fragmentation wounds. Contact was broken and the wounded were evacuated by Dustoff at 2035. No further contact was made.

Task Force Tanker continued operations in the area finding several base camps until 15 March 1967. At that time the company escorted elements of the Brigade back to Fain Foa, closing at 1800 hours.

Annex B Appendix 5

OPERATION JUNCTION CITY II

At 0650 hours, 20 March 1967, D/16 departed Boi Hoa in three march units escorting elements of the Brigade to Minh Thanh. Despite heavy traffic the company closed Minh Thanh by 1730 hours and set up the CP vic XT636671.

On 23 March, the company under CFCON E/17th Cav, began operations by moving south on a recon mission. Negative contact was made and all elements closed base camp by 1523 hours.

On 25 March, 1745 hours D/16 departed on a mission to transport a IRRP Team SW of Minh Thanh vic XT547625. At 1835 hours, the 3d Platoon which was loading, turned onto route 14 and headed south. A few minutes later the 3d Platoon engaged 10-15 NVA that were on the road. The enemy broke contact and attempted to withdraw, leaving one enemy dead behind. An airstrike was called in and due to darkness the company started to withdraw. At that time the NVA engaged the 3d Platoon. The 3d Platoon again opened fire killing 7 of the enemy. The company again withdrew back to base camp without further contact.

At 0745 hours, 26 March the company picked up elements of E/17 Cav and the 1/503d Mortar Platoon and set up a blocking force and to search the area where contact had been made the previous day. The blocking force was set up vic XT578652 and the remainder of the force proceeded south on Route 14 to the point of contact. Many items, including bikes, food, clothing, nylon, and plastic material, tools and ropes were found. A short distance away at XT542652 E/17 found a base camp. At 1630 hours all elements linked up and went back to Minh Thanh for the night.

During the period 28 March to 3 April 1967, the company conducted several short recon patrols to the south but had negative contact.

Annex B Appendix 5 (Cont'd)

On 3 April 1967, at 0615 hours B/16, under OECON E/17 Cav, departed base to pickup elements of E/17 and CIDG Strike Force to conduct a recon and S&D mission to the SW of Vinh Thanh. At 0745 hours, a track from the 2nd Platoon hit an anti-tank mine vic XT548646. This resulted in 3 WIA's one of which had to be evacuated. A mine team was brought to clear an LZ in order that a Dustoff could land. While checking the area an additional mine was uncovered on the right side of the road. Another track hit a mine about 50 meters from the other vehicles. This resulted in one WIA. After the Dustoffs had been completed the force sent out recon patrols to the West, North and South. At 0930 hours E/17 made contact with a squad of VC killing one of them. Vic XT545627. All elements closed XT486446 and moved back to Vinh Thanh closing at 1700 hours without incident.

During the period 4 April to 13 April, the company continued to conduct a variety of operations. Ambushes, security and recon patrols were all conducted, with negative contact.

On 13 April the company escorted elements for the Brigade back to Boi Hoa closing without incident at 1210 hours.

OPERATION NEWARK

On 17 April 1967, at 1300 hours, D/16 Armor and one platoon of E/17 Cav departed Pein Hoa to participate in Operation NEWARK. The company provided convoy security for elements of the 319th Artillery from Pein Hoa to FSB 1 via YFO98207. All elements arrived at FSB-1 by 1500 hours. D/16 had the responsibility for the perimeter.

At 0645 hours PFC Pratti of the 1st Platoon was injured while disarming a claymore that had a faulty blasting cap. He was evacuated by Dustoff at 0717. The company continued to secure the FSB until 1 May 1967. During this time the company conducted several short recon patrols and a few convoys to Pein Hoa without incident. At 0945 hours, 1 May 1967, the company returned to Pein Hoa to prepare for Operation Fort Wayne.

At 0705 hours, 1 May, D/16 moved from Pein Foa with elements of C/1/503d to participate in Operation Fort Wayne. D/16 moved to vic YT112164 where it joined up with TF E/17 at their base camp. At 1355 the 2nd Platoon conducted a recon south of the base camp and returned without incident at 1540 hours.

On 2 May the Company with elements of C/1/503d conducted a search and destroy operation to the south of the base camp. No incidents occurred and all elements closed base camp at 1610 hours.

On 3 May the company pulled maintenance and conducted a few short patrols in the immediate area. At 0910 hours D-22 hit a small mine vic YT112226 resulting in minor damage and negative casualties.

On 4 May the company moved back to Pein Foa to prepare for another operation. The company closed base camp at 0944 hours without incident.

On 5 May 1967, D/16 Armor escorted elements of the Brigade to Fsn Blackhorse via XT1397. The company left at 0610 hours and closed Blackhorse at 10200 hours without incident on 5 May 1967.

On 5 May the company again escorted elements of the Brigade from Pein Hoa to Fsn Blackhorse without incident. On 6 May the company provided convoy security from Blackhorse to Cha Ray and on to FSB-1 via YT739003. The convoy left Blackhorse at 0749 hours and linked up with an Artillery Battery from Xuan Loc and closed FSB-1 at 1228 hours.

On 8 May, D/16 departed FSB-1 to recon to the south. At 1035 a fresh base camp was found vic YS743991. The area was searched with negative results. All elements returned to the FSB-1 by 1440 hours.

On the 10th and 11th D/16 made resupply runs from FSB-1 to Xuan Loc. On 12 May during a resupply run Xuan Loc sniper fire was received vic YT714021. Armed helicopters covered the area with fire and rockets with unknown results.

From 13 May to 17 May the company continued to make resupply runs and a few short recon patrols to the south of FSB-1. On 16 May the company was alerted to move back to Fsn Blackhorse.

On 17 May the TF D/16 departed FSB-1 providing security for elements of the Brigade. At 0750 hours the lead elements started firing recon along the side of the road. At YT669023 a VC Claymore was detonated while reconning by fire. Another claymore was found vic YT701022 and destroyed. At 0843 hours a mine detector team dismounted to check out a bridge at YT670033. The bridge seemed to be clear and the first track crossed it.

Annex F Appendix 8 (Cont'd)

When the second track, D-16, crossed a large mine was detonated overturning the track. Due to the intense heat and exploding ammunition no one could get near the vehicle to extract the casualties. A total of 6 men were killed and 8 wounded. The losses for D/16 were 3 killed and 2 wounded. Dustoff was called and completed by 1030 hours. The bridge was repaired by 1236 hours and the convoy closed in Blackhorse at 1630 hours.

The company escorted elements back to Pein Hoa on the 18th closing Pein Hoa at 1903 hours.

At 1800 hours, 23 May 1967, D/16 Armor was alerted by "00 to be prepared to deploy by air to the II Corp Zone.

On the 24th the company made preparations for air movement. All personal belongings as well as the combat basic loads were loaded on to the tracks. The vehicles were very heavy, some crossing out at 28,000 pounds. The gun shields and all gear on top of the tracks had to be stored inside due to aircraft clearance.

The company moved to Pein Hoa Air Base at 1100 and started loading onto the huge C-130 aircraft. The first flight departed at 1345 hours and arrived in Flietu at 1550 hours. The elements then moved to Catecka (vic ZA202341) by road.

By 0530 on the 26th all elements had closed Catecka. The rest of the day was spent resting and improving the company sector by establishing a CP and mess facilities.

During the period 27 to 29 May D/16 conducted maintenance and improvement of the unit sector and made preparations for future operations.

The CO and Platoon Leaders departed the base camp at 0840 hours on 30 May for aerial recon south of the base camp. They returned at 1400. The 2nd Platoon left at that time on an escort mission for an S-5 team and returned without incident at 1724.

On 31 May 1967, at 0630 hours TF D/16 departed base camp by road to establish and secure a fire support base vic ZA080210. At 0630 1st and 2nd Platoons were attached to TF E/17 for search and destroy operations. At 0900 hours TF D/16(-) arrived at FSB-1. The TF established its CP and four Dusters from 4/60 Artillery were attached to D/16.

On 1 June 1967, 0630, 3d Platoon departed FSB-1 enroute to the Oasis (vic ZA112281) for water resupply. The road was muddy and created quite a problem for wheel vehicles which lasted during the entire stay at FSB-1. Also a convoy for ammo trucks was completed and all elements had closed FSB-1 by 1750 hours.

During the period 2 to 4 June the company continued to make resupply runs to the Oasis without incident. Numerous ambushes and recon patrols were conducted by the two recon platoons attached to the company.

On 5 June, the 3rd Platoon departed FSB-1 to recon to the south for a possible river crossing vic ZA089202. At 0909 hours, the 3rd Platoon, upon entering a bamboo thicket received sniper fire. Fire was instantly returned with 50 Cal. machine guns, M-79, and automatic weapons. Negative friendly casualties resulted from the engagement and enemy losses were unknown. The platoon returned to pick up additional infantry and 2 Dusters. A sweep was made of the area turning up several bunkers and one Chicom hand grenade. Meanwhile another recon element of the TF found a village with approximately 105 Montagnards living in it at vic ZA089225. The Montagnards were in urgent need of medical attention and arrangements were made to send an S-5 and medical teams to them as soon as possible.

Annex B Appendix 10 (Cont'd)

All elements returned to FSP-1 at 1600 hours. An ambush was sent to vic ZA087203. At 1925 hours the ambush saw two enemy about 100 meters to their front. Fire was placed on the VC with unknown results. The ambush returned to FSP-1 at 2005 hours without further incident.

On 6 June at 1220 hours another recon patrol left the FSP to recon south. It returned with a negative report.

On 7 June, at 1515 hours the 1st and 2nd Platoons returned to FSP-1 and to D/16 operational control.

On 8 June the CO and Platoon Leaders left on an areial recon of another operation area.

During the period 9-10 June more convoys were made to the Oasis and areial recon flights were continued.

At 1045 hours on 11 June the company left FSP-1 escorting elements of the 310th Artillery and A/1/92nd Artillery for Catecka. The convoy closed Catecka at 1250 hours. At Catecka D/16 picked up four mine detector teams to support the unit on a future road clearing operation and moved to Camp Enari (Hoa 4th Inf Div) for the night. The 3rd Platoon and 2 Dusters returned to the Oasis and linked up with the A/1/92nd Artillery battery.

At 0550 hours, 12 June 1967, D/16th departed camp to commence road clearing operation along Highway 6C and to secure elements of the Brigade moving to FSP-4 vic A7165067. At 0700 hours D/16(-) linked up with one tank platoon from the 69th Armor (attached to D/16). The TF then picked up elements of the 310th Artillery and the 3rd Platoon with A/1/92 Artillery joined the company vic AR766278.